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I have been following this case loosely, but I keep current, and the overriding feeling I get from the case is this is just a big game to Microsoft. They are largely making a mockery of the US Justice Department and national anti-trust laws, and as some of my foreign friends have pointed out this would seem to be the exact case the anti-trust laws were designed for. They shouldn't be any more of a monopoly than a car manufacturer - why would you punish a monopolistic car manufacturer by having them distribute promotional materials to poor children? And with the built-in lifespan of the few years that Microsoft software has, those poor schools will forcibly become Microsoft customers.

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